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SUBJECT: BRIEFING MEMORANDUM: UNUSUAL CUBAN EXERCISE
IN POLITENESS

TO THE SECRETARY FROM ROGERS

1. THE SWISS EMBASSY INFORMED US JULY 2 THAT DR. RAUL ROA, THE CUBAN FOREIGN MINISTER, CALLED IN SERRA, THE SWISS AMBASSADOR IN HAVANA ON JUNE 30 TO REQUEST HIM TO CONVEY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE THE APPRECIATION OF THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT FOR THE COURTEOUS TREATMENT ACCORDED TO CUBAN PARTICIPANTS IN THE NINTH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF MEDITERRANEAN AGRICULTURE IN LOS ANGELES JUNE 14-22. IT WAS CLEAR FROM THE DEMARCHE (COPY OF SWISS EMBASSY HAVANA'S REPORTING TELEGRAM ATTACHED) THAT ROA WAS THANKING THE US GOVERNMENT FOR ISSUING VISAS TO THE CUBAN DELEGATION. THE PHRASING IS EFFUSIVELY POLITE.

2. MY ANALYSIS OF THIS UNUSUAL, IF NOT UNPRECEDENTED
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CUBAN STEP IS AS FOLLOWS:

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-- IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDARD POLICY GUIDELINES WE ISSUED VISAS TO THE CUBANS, AFTER CHECKING WITH THE HOSTS OF THE CONFERENCE IN LOS ANGELES, THAT THE CUBANS WOULD BE WELCOME;

-- THE CUBANS MAY HAVE CONTRASTED THE LOS ANGELES CONFERENCE WITH OUR REFUSAL TO PERMIT CUBANS TO ATTEND A COMPARABLE CONFERENCE ON SUGAR CANE IN 1971 AND WORLD ENERGY CONFERENCE IN SEPTEMBER 1974, AND MAY ONLY BELATEDLY PERCEIVED OUR POLICY TO LIBERALIZE ISSUANCE OF VISAS TO CUBANS TO ATTEND NON-GOVERNMENTAL CONFERENCES OR EVENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH YOUR DECISION LAST DECEMBER;

-- HOWEVER, WE DID GRANT VISAS TO CUBAN LAW STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN A MOOT COURT AT JOHNS HOPKINS IN APRTL AND ALSO IN APRIL INFORMED THE AMERICAN BALLET COMPANY IN NEW YORK THAT WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO ISSUE A VISA THIS MONTH TO THE FAMOUS CUBAN BALLERINA ALICIA ALONZO TO PARTICIPATE IN THEIR 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS;

-- IT THUS SEEMS MORE LIKELY THAT THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT IS RESPONDING TO YOUR RECENT PUBLIC STATEMENTS THAT WE WILL DISCUSS CHANGES IN ATTITUDE WITH CUBA IN PRIVATE (JUNE 16 PUBLIC BROADCASTING INTERVIEW) AND THAT CASTRO KNOWS HOW TO GET IN TOUCH WITH US (MAY 7 TODAY SHOW).

ATTACHMENT:

(INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF TELEGRAM DICTATED IN FRENCH, ON THE PHONE, TO ARA/CCA BY SWISS EMBASSY WASHINGTON ON JULY 2, 1975)

1. MINISTER OF FOREIGN RELATIONS, DR. ROA, SUMMONED ME MONDAY, JUNE 30, IN THE AFTERNOON, UPON HIS RETURN FROM SANTIAGO DE CUBA WHERE HE HAD ACCOMPANIED THE PRIME MINISTER OF SWEDEN DURING HIS VISIT HERE. ROA WANTED TO STRESS HIS GOVERNMENT'S GRATITUDE FOR THE HELP AND EXCELLENT TREATMENT RECEIVED BY THE CUBAN DELEGATION WHICH PARTICIPATED TO THE MEETING OF THE NON-GOVERNMENTAL
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ORGANIZATIONS OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCERS IN LOS ANGELES.

2. MINISTER DECLARED THAT THIS DELEGATION RETURNED DELIGHTED AFTER A PROLONGED VISIT IN THE UNITED STATES WHERE IT HAD BEEN ABLE TO MOVE FREELY, VISIT VARIOUS FACTORIES OF CANNING, PORT FACILITIES AND OTHER REGARDING TRANSPORTATION AND COMMERCIALIZATION OF AGRCULTURAL PRODUCTS. CONTACTS WERE EXTREMELY CORDIAL AND

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EDUCATIONAL.

3. ALTHOUGH NECESSARY VISAS HAD BEEN REQUESTED THROUGH THE CZECHOSLOVAKIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, MINISTER WANTED THAT YOUR EMBASSY BE THE ONE TO EXPRESS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE APPRECIATION OF CUBAN GOVERNMENT FOR THE GRACIOUS RECEPTION AND CONFIDENCE SHOWN TO THE ABOVE MENTIONED DELEGATION.

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